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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel,
Senate Appropriations Committee

1. I met with Bill Woodruff today and talked with him about the Director's scheduled briefing of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday, 19 March, at 9:30 a.m. Woodruff said he still had not gotten Chairman Ellender's agreement on this meeting and he added that if he didn't get the Director and Ellender together this time he was going to let the matter ride since he was "off the hook" on the subject of an Agency briefing on sensitive projects.

2. In connection with this possible briefing, Woodruff said Ellender might be reluctant to hold the session without a transcript. I said this could probably be worked out, but cited the arrangement which the Director had worked out with Senator Stennis on the subject, i.e., making a copy of the prepared statement available for the members' use in the Committee office. Woodruff said this seemed satisfactory and might avoid dealing with the problems involved with a transcript.

3. Woodruff mentioned that Senator Ellender's visit to the Pentagon several days ago apparently came off quite well. Ellender went there for a breakfast meeting and then showed Defense officials his movies on his travel in the Soviet Union. Woodruff said the meeting lasted until about 10:30 that morning and added that the Director might like to get Secretary Laird's comments on it.

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4. In addition, Woodruff mentioned that when Admiral Moorer testified before the Defense Subcommittee he and Senator Ellender developed a very friendly rapport. Ellender expressed concern that the briefing reflected a situation which was generally unknown to the American public and told Moorer that any time he felt distorted information was being given out he (Ellender) was more than willing to take the floor of the Senate to set the record straight.

5. I briefed Woodruff on a number of current intelligence items including:

- a. ChiCom series production of MIG 21s and shipment of these aircraft to Albania,
- b. Soviet training of Egyptian personnel on the SA-3 system, and
- c. Recent identification of new type Soviet ICBM silos and their deployment of a new warhead for the SS-9.



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